

City of Spring Lake Park Staff Report



Agenda Date	Status
June 1	
Requestor	Agenda Section
Buchholtz	Consent
Agenda Item:	
Resolution of Support – Ramsey County Economic Development Authority Opt-In	
Executive Summary	
<p>The City Council is asked to consider approval of a resolution opting the Ramsey County portion of Spring Lake Park into the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority’s area of operation for business programming. Approval of the resolution would allow businesses located in the Ramsey County portion of the City to access future Ramsey County EDA business support programs, including technical assistance, business support organization capacity building, cohort-based learning opportunities, data and research support, and potential direct business assistance.</p> <p>This action does not affect the City’s Community Development Block Grant entitlement selection through Anoka County. It is limited to Ramsey County’s EDA business programming and is intended to preserve access to potential business support resources for the small portion of the City located in Ramsey County.</p>	
Background	
<p>Ramsey County received special legislation authorizing the creation of a County Economic Development Authority to allow certain Housing and Redevelopment Authority levy funds to be used for entrepreneurship and small business programming. Ramsey County has indicated that the EDA will have no independent taxing authority and will only receive and spend funding from the existing Ramsey County HRA levy.</p> <p>Under the legislation, cities within the Ramsey County HRA area of operation must affirmatively “opt in” to enhanced business programming. Ramsey County has requested that cities adopt opt-in resolutions by June 1, 2026, after which the County will establish the EDA area of operation. Enhanced business programming is expected to begin January 1, 2027.</p>	

The draft resolution provided by Ramsey County states that the City supports the County's efforts to promote growth and sustainability for small businesses and affirmatively opts in as a participant in the County's EDA area of operation.

Board/Commission Review

N/A

Financial Impact

There is no direct financial impact to the City from approving the resolution. Ramsey County has stated that the EDA will not have tax levy authority and that the programming would be funded through the existing Ramsey County HRA levy.

Approval of the resolution does not commit City funds and does not affect the City's CDBG entitlement selection through Anoka County. Rather, it allows eligible businesses in the Ramsey County portion of Spring Lake Park to be included in Ramsey County's future business support programming.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the resolution opting the Ramsey County portion of Spring Lake Park into the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority's area of operation. This action preserves access to potential Ramsey County business support resources for Spring Lake Park businesses located in Ramsey County, does not create a City funding obligation, and has no bearing on the City's CDBG entitlement selection with Anoka County.

Attachments

1. Resolution 2026-23, Exercising the City's Authority to Opt-In to and Support the Ramsey County Economic Development Agency ("EDA")